REASONS

Humbly Offered to his GRACE,

HIS MAJESTY'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

AND THE RIGHT HONOURABLE, THE

ESTATES OF PARLIAMENT.

By His MAJESTIES Advocat, for His HIGHNESS Intereſt: And by Sir *George Campbell* of *Ceſnock*, Sheriff of *Air* Shire, why the Act and Petition, preſented by the Earl of *Caſſils*, as to the Bailiry of *Carrick*, ought not to paſs.

THE Shire of *Air* conſiſts of *Kings-kyle*, called, *The Regality of Kyle Steuart*, and of the Bailiries of *Carrick* and *Cuninghame*, both holding of the Prince, and whereof the Earls of *Caſſils* and *Eglingtoun* are Heretable Bailies, and over theſe Three Juriſdictions, the Juriſdiction of the Sheriff is Cumulative, and the Earl of *Caſſils* Act and Petition cannot be granted.

1*mo*. Becauſe it pleaſed His Majeſty to make a purchaſe from the Lord *Loudon*, then heretable Sherriff of the ſaid Sheriff-ſhip: And His Majeſty having recovered it into His own Hands, by payment of a conſiderable Sum, it were an evident Diminution of His Majeſty's Right and Intereſt to cut off the Bailiry of *Carrick*, and make it an independent Juriſdiction, excluſive of the Sheriff.

2*do*. By the ſame parity of Reaſon the Earl of *Eglingtoun* might deſire the like for the Bailiry of *Cuninghame*, which would reduce the Shire and Sheriff-ſhip almoſt to nothing.

3*tio*. The Earl of *Caſſils* Act and Petition doth contain virtually, the Erecting of the Bailiry of *Carrick* into a Shire, which, no doubt, His Majeſty's Commiſſioner will be very tender to do without expreſs Warrand.

4*to*. This Erection craved for *Carrick* quite breaks the Shire, both as to the *quota* of it's Valuation, and as to the Set of it's Commiſſioners, whereof many live within *Carrick*: As likeways it prejudges the Town of *Air*, the head Burgh of the whole Shire, where all it's Meetings are kept.

5*to*. The whole Heretors, ſpecially the King's Tennents in *Carrick*, are alſo concerned, in being brought under the independent Juriſdiction of this new Erection, and taken from the Juriſdiction of the Sheriff, who is not Heretable, but at the King's Nomination: And this is alſo His Majeſty's Intereſt.

6*to*. It is a viſible prejudice to *Ceſnock*, the preſent Sheriff, and he ought at leaſt to be Cited, before any ſuch Erection can be made.

But upon the whole, It's humbly conceived, That both His Majeſties High Commiſſioner and the Parliament, will be tender in doing any thing in this Matter, which can only properly be done by a Signature of Erection, under His Majeſty's Hand

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